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VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION



Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20324-0001

**RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company Abandonment, Boone and Dallas
Counties in Iowa; Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 187X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

On October 9, the Boone and Dallas County Conservation Boards, the City of Perry, the Iowa Trails Council and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation requested issuance of a Public Use Condition as well as a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use between milepost 341.1 near Slater and milepost 353.5 near Woodward.

Union Pacific is agreeable to negotiate trail use and to the requested public use condition. We note that the requesting parties desire that the public use condition cover not only the right of way, tunnels, bridges and culverts, but also the tracks, ties and signal equipment. In this particular instance and given the time of year, we are agreeable to leaving the track structure in place for the requested 180 days.

Sincerely,

cc: (via Fax)

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